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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Chatham Area Transit Park & Ride Facilities in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Chatham Area Transit and the project is located in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

The funding is designated for an expansion of the transit authority's park and ride capabilities. Eight key locations have been identified for expansion of GDOT rideshare lots and construction of new sites. A three-pronged effort would concentrate on these activities: park-&-ride lot development and expansion, carpool/vanpool promotion, and regional commuter transit service implementation

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

A regional park-&-ride program expanding into the 8-county coastal region in both GA and SC will benefit local governments, employers, and commuters with a reduced need for parking at destination locations. Rideshare activities and potential commuter transit services would reduce traffic volumes on the congested roadways and decrease air pollution. Congestion would decrease on I-16 and I-95 – both designated State Freight Corridors – which have experienced increased traffic due to steady population growth.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Sal Z Bully Carte.
Member of Congress

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